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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,7-13,15,16,18 and 24-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,7-13,15,16,18 and 24-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 May 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☒ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. The information disclosure statement filed April 20, 2001, August 29, 2003, and September 20, 2004 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because of foreign non patent literature has not been translated including the two Japanese Office Actions and the article "Hajimete Tsukau Lotus 1-2-3."

It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609 ¶ C(1).

### ***Drawings***

2. The drawings are objected to because Figures 16-19, 21, 26-27 contain Japanese language. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered

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and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

#### ***Specification***

3. The disclosure of Figures 16-18 references the number 37, from Figure 3. This number is not defined in Figures 16-18.

Appropriate correction is required.

#### ***Claim Objections***

4. Claims 3-6, 14, and 17 are objected to because of the following informalities:  
The claims do not indicate cancelled in the communications filed 05-29-01. It is noted that the above claims indicate cancelled in the communications filed 04-02-01.

Appropriate correction is required.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 10 recites "wherein said zoom command stepwisely changes a size from the channel and time frame displayed immediately before the zoom command is provided to a channel and a time frame displayed after the zoom command is provided.." The Office assumes that the above claim to be "wherein said zoom command stepwisely changes a size from the channel and time frame displayed before the zoom command is provided to a new channel and a time frame displayed after the zoom command is provided."

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1, 2, 16 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nijima (US 5,926,230) in view of Young (US 5,949,954).

Regarding Claim 1, Nijima discloses an electronic program guide (EPG) information display method (Figure 5) wherein all or some of EPG of a predetermined channel is displayed (Figure 5), characterized in that in accordance with a zoom command instructing a continuous amount of zoom magnification (Figure 5), EPG

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information of channels or time frames larger or smaller in number than channels displayed immediately before the zoom command is provided is displayed (Figure 5), detail information includes in the EPG in accordance with the magnification of the zoom command is selectively displayed (Figures 5 and 21). Nijima does not disclose selecting an area in which the EPG information of a program that has already been recorded is displayed; reproduction of the program corresponding to the selected area is started. Young discloses by selecting an area in which the EPG information of a program that has already been recorded is displayed (Figure 2). Young discloses that if the "What's On Tape" feature is selected a recorded program can be selected from this directory and reproduced or played (Figure 13). It is necessarily included that if a recorded program is displayed on the EPG (Figure 3) and selected that reproduction of the program corresponding to the selected area is started. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Nijima to select an area of the EPG with recorded programs displayed and reproducing the programs (Figure 13) as taught by Young in order to allow users a convenient way to access television program listings including recorded programs (Column 1, lines 15-27) as disclosed by Young.

Nijima discloses that EPG information is displayed and zoom magnification (Figures 5 and 21). Nijima does not teach that the program has to be on the air in order to be displayed. Young discloses that the predetermined channel and time frame are in a scope where a decision is made with reference to a channel and a time of

program to be on the air being set in display mean in order to display the EPG information (Figures 2 and 3).

Regarding Claim 16, Nijima and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Nijima is silent on condition information of recording. Young discloses a function to operate in conjunction with a recorder is provided (Figures 2 and 3), in an area in which EPG information of a program of which recording is associated with said recorder is displayed (Figures 2 and 3), recording condition information for said recorder is displayed so as to be superimposed on the EPG information (Figures 2 and 3).

Regarding Claim 24, Nijima and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1 or 16. Nijima discloses a recording medium (Figure 11B, 37) being able to be read by a computer or computer system (Figure 11B, 29) that stores a program to cause a computer to perform some of the functions of the EPG information display method.

8. Claims 1, 2, 7-11, 16 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harada et al (US 6,246,442 and hereafter referred to as "Harada") in view of Young.

Regarding Claim 1, Harada discloses an electronic program guide (EPG) information display method (Figures 8-10) wherein all or some of EPG of a predetermined channel and time frame is displayed (Figures 8-10), characterized in that in accordance with a zoom command instructing a continuous amount of zoom magnification or a first, second, third or fourth detail degree (Figure 5), EPG information of channels or time frames larger or smaller in number than channels or time frames

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displayed immediately before the zoom command is provided is displayed (Figure 7), detail information includes in the EPG in accordance with the magnification of the zoom command is selectively displayed (Figures 2 and 3). Harada does not disclose selecting an area in which the EPG information of a program that has already been recorded is displayed; reproduction of the program corresponding to the selected area is started. Young discloses by selecting an area in which the EPG information of a program that has already been recorded is displayed (Figure 2). Young discloses that if the "What's On Tape" feature is selected a recorded program can be selected from this directory and reproduced or played (Figure 13). It is necessarily included that if a recorded program is displayed on the EPG (Figure 3) and selected that reproduction of the program corresponding to the selected area is started. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Harada to select an area of the EPG with recorded programs displayed and reproducing the programs (Figure 13) as taught by Young in order to allow users a convenient way to access television program listings including recorded programs (Column 1, lines 15-27) as disclosed by Young.

Regarding Claim 2, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Harada discloses that EPG information is displayed and zoom magnification (Figures 8-10). Harada does not teach that the program has to be on the air in order to be displayed. Young discloses that the predetermined channel and time frame are in a scope where a decision is made with reference to a channel and a time of program to



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be on the air being set in display mean in order to display the EPG information (Figures 2 and 3).

Regarding Claim 7, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Harada discloses that for EPG information of each program displayed on the screen, an amount of EPG information to be displayed is changed according to a display area (Figure 5).

Regarding Claim 8, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Harada discloses that items of the EPG information displayed in each area in which the EPG information is to be displayed are decide based on a size of the area, the number of pixels when the area is displayed or the number of letters can be shown in the area (Figures 13-15). Harada discloses that the fourth embodiment (Figures 13-16) includes displaying an EPG based on the zoom magnification or detail degree and also that the EPG information can also display based on blank spaces or the number of letters that can be shown.

Regarding Claim 9, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Harada discloses that priorities are previously assigned to items representing contents of the EPG information and the items are displayed in the order of priority (Figure 4, Figure 16). Harada discloses that the fourth embodiment (Figures 13-16) includes displaying an EPG based on the zoom magnification or detail degree.

Regarding Claim 10, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Harada discloses that the zoom command stepwisely changes a size from the channel

and the time frame displayed (Figure 8) before the zoom command is provided to a new channel and a time frame displayed after the zoom command is provided (Figure 9).

Regarding Claim 11, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Harada discloses that the zoom command zooms in or out the screen (Figure 8-10). Harada discloses that the display image of the zoomed in or out EPG is produced by the display image producing unit (Figure 3, 19) and that the CPU performs all functions. Harada discloses that the zoomed in and out EPG is currently in respect to the first program cell (Figures 8-10). It is necessarily included that the CPU can be programmed that the zoomed in and out EPG is with respect to the EPG information of the displayed information situated in the center.

Regarding Claim 16, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Harada is silent on condition information of recording. Young discloses a function to operate in conjunction with a recorder is provided (Figures 2 and 3), in an area in which EPG information of a program of which recording is associated with said recorder is displayed (Figures 2 and 3), recording condition information for said recorder is displayed so as to be superimposed on the EPG information (Figures 2 and 3).

Regarding Claim 24, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 16. Harada discloses a recording medium (Figure 69, 273) being able to be read by a computer or computer system (Figure 69, 270) that stores a program to cause a computer to perform some of the functions of the EPG information display method.

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9. Claims 12, 13, 15, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nijima in view of Young as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Lemmons et al (US 5,880,768 and hereafter referred to as "Lemmons").

Regarding Claim 12, Nijima and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Nijima discloses a sorting mode via a genre or theme (Figures 5). Nijima and Young are silent on a search mode and the search criterion displayed in a different color. Lemmons discloses that an EPG operation function mode is a search mode when an area in which the EPG information of a program is displayed is selected and specified and the areas of programs associated with the program are shown in different color or brightness (Figure 7 and Column 14, lines 52-64). It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Nijima in view of Young to include a search mode with EPG information is displayed and areas of the program shown in a different color (Column 13, lines 53-65) as taught by Lemmons in order to provide a convenient EPG and allow the viewer or user to locate programs of interest (Column 1, lines 5-17).

Regarding Claim 13, Nijima and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 12. Nijima discloses a sorting mode via a genre or theme (Figure 5). Nijima and Young are silent on a search mode and the search criterion displayed in a different color. Lemmons discloses that under a condition where the EPG operation function mode is the search mode (Figure 3, 116), a cursor for selecting and specifying a n area corresponding to a search result selectively moves among parts of the areas in which EPG information is displayed which area are shown in the different color or highlighted (Column 13, lines 53-65).

Regarding Claim 15, Nijima and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Nijima and Young are silent on the display of search results. Lemmons displays a search mode where EPG information is displayed in a manner of search results, where only the programs fulfilling the search criterion are displayed (Figure 7). Lemmons displays the programs in a fashion where the channels are in alphabetical order (i.e. HBO, Max, REQ, SHO) (Figure 7). It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Lemmons to display the results in a manner where they display the channel axis or so as to be close to one another in a direction of a channel axis in order to provide a different viewing of the search results. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Nijima in view of Young to include a search mode to display the search results in a close manner (Figure 7) as taught by Lemmons in order to provide a convenient EPG and allow the viewer or user to locate programs of interest (Column 1, lines 5-17).

Regarding Claim 24, Nijima and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 12 or 15. Nijima discloses a recording medium (Figure 11B, 37) being able to be read by a computer or computer system (Figure 11B, 29) that stores a program to cause a computer to perform some of the functions of the EPG information display method.

10. Claims 12, 13, 15, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harada in view of Young as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Lemmons.

Regarding Claim 12, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Young discloses a sorting mode via a genre or theme search (Figures 15-17). Harada and Young are silent on a search mode and the search criterion displayed in a different color. Lemmons discloses that an EPG operation function mode is a search mode when an area in which the EPG information of a program is displayed is selected and specified and the areas of programs associated with the program are shown in different color or brightness (Figure 7 and Column 14, lines 52-64). It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Harada in view of Young to include a search mode with EPG information is displayed and areas of the program shown in a different color (Column 13, lines 53-65) as taught by Lemmons in order to provide a convenient EPG and allow the viewer or user to locate programs of interest (Column 1, lines 5-17).

Regarding Claim 13, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 12. Young discloses a sorting mode via a genre or theme search (Figures 15-17). Harada and Young are silent on a search mode and the search criterion displayed in a different color. Lemmons discloses that under a condition where the EPG operation function mode is the search mode (Figure 3, 116), a cursor for selecting and specifying a n area corresponding to a search result selectively moves among parts of the areas in which EPG information is displayed which area are shown in the different color or highlighted (Column 13, lines 53-65).

Regarding Claim 15, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Harada and Young are silent on the display of search results. Lemmons displays a

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search mode where EPG information is displayed in a manner of search results, where only the programs fulfilling the search criterion are displayed (Figure 7). Lemmons displays the programs in a fashion where the channels are in alphabetical order (i.e. HBO, Max, REQ, SHO) (Figure 7). It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Lemmons to display the results in a manner where they display the channel axis or so as to be close to one another in a direction of a channel axis in order to provide a different viewing of the search results. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Harada in view of Young to include a search mode to display the search results in a close manner (Figure 7) as taught by Lemmons in order to provide a convenient EPG and allow the viewer or user to locate programs of interest (Column 1, lines 5-17).

Regarding Claim 24, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 12 or 15. Harada discloses a recording medium (Figure 69, 273) being able to be read by a computer or computer system (Figure 69, 270) that stores a program to cause a computer to perform some of the functions of the EPG information display method.

11. Claims 12, 13, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harada in view of Young as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Legall et al (US 6,005,565 and hereafter referred to as "Legall").

Regarding Claim 12, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 1. Young discloses a sorting mode via a genre or theme search (Figures 15-17). Harada and Young are silent on a search mode and the search criterion displayed in a different

color. Legall discloses that an EPG operation function mode is a search mode when an area in which the EPG information of a program is displayed is selected and specified and the areas of programs associated with the program are shown in different color or brightness (Column 4, lines 49-53, Column 5, lines 1-21). It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Harada in view of Young to include a search mode with EPG information is displayed and areas of the program shown in a different color (Column 4, lines 49-53) as taught by Legall in order to provide a convenient EPG and allow the viewer or user to locate programs of interest (Column 1, lines 5-17).

Regarding Claim 13, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 12. Young discloses a sorting mode via a genre or theme search (Figures 15-17). Harada and Young are silent on a search mode and the search criterion displayed in a different color. Legall discloses that under a condition where the EPG operation function mode is the search mode (Figures 2, 3A, 3B), a cursor for selecting and specifying an area corresponding to a search result selectively moves among parts of the areas in which EPG information is displayed which area are shown in the different color or highlighted (Column 4, lines 49-65).

Regarding Claim 24, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 12. Harada discloses a recording medium (Figure 69, 273) being able to be read by a computer or computer system (Figure 69, 270) that stores a program to cause a computer to perform some of the functions of the EPG information display method.

12. Claims 18 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Niijima in view of Young as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Schein et al (US 6,133,909 and hereafter referred to as "Schein").

Regarding Claim 18, Niijima and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 16. Niijima is silent on condition information of recording. Young discloses that the condition information for the recording is underway (Figures 2 and 3), that the recording is finished (Figure 2 and 3) and that the programming of timer recording is finished (Figures 2 and 3). Young discloses that the recorder can be a VCR or other recording device. Young does not disclose multiple recording devices or that condition information for the recorder is information representing a type of the recorder. Schein discloses that multiple recorders may exist whether digital or analog (Column 3, lines 36-43). Schein discloses that the user can choose which select the recording device (Column 5, lines 1-3). It is necessarily that condition information for the recorder is information representing a type of the recorder. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Niijima in view of Young to include multiple recorders to select the type of recorder (Column 3, lines 36-43 and Column 5, lines 1-3) as taught by Schein in order to allow automatic unattended recording of one or more programs (Column 4, lines 63-67) as disclosed by Schein.

Regarding Claim 24, Niijima and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 18. Niijima discloses a recording medium (Figure 11B, 37) being able to be read by a computer or computer system (Figure 11B, 29) that stores a program to cause a computer to perform some of the functions of the EPG information display method.



13. Claims 18 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harada in view of Young as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Schein.

Regarding Claim 18, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 16. Harada is silent on condition information of recording. Young discloses that the condition information for the recording is underway (Figures 2 and 3), that the recording is finished (Figure 2 and 3) and that the programming of timer recording is finished (Figures 2 and 3). Young discloses that the recorder can be a VCR or other recording device. Young does not disclose multiple recording devices or that condition information for the recorder is information representing a type of the recorder. Schein discloses that multiple recorders may exist whether digital or analog (Column 3, lines 36-43). Schein discloses that the user can choose which select the recording device (Column 5, lines 1-3). It is necessarily that condition information for the recorder is information representing a type of the recorder. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Harada in view of Young to include multiple recorders to select the type of recorder (Column 3, lines 36-43 and Column 5, lines 1-3) as taught by Schein in order to allow automatic unattended recording of one or more programs (Column 4, lines 63-67) as disclosed by Schein.

Regarding Claim 24, Harada and Young discloses all the limitations of Claim 18. Harada discloses a recording medium (Figure 69, 273) being able to be read by a computer or computer system (Figure 69, 270) that stores a program to cause a computer to perform some of the functions of the EPG information display method.

14. Claims 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harada in view of Niijima.

Regarding Claim 25, Harada discloses displaying an EPG on a display comprising the steps of: storing a plurality of program information cells, each cell including program information data including a representative picture (Figures 3-5, 13, 16). Harada discloses selecting a first predetermined number of cells (Figure 9) for EPG display (Figure 3-10, 13), magnifying the EPG information by selecting a second predetermined number cells to display (Figure 10), and/or selecting to reducing the EPG information by selecting a third predetermined number of cells to display (Figure 8). Harada discloses that the number of cells on display can be selected because the second predetermined number of cells being of lesser magnitude than the first (Figure 10) and that the third predetermined number of cells being of greater magnitude than the first (Figure 8). Harada does not disclose displaying EPG video image data or simultaneously displaying on the EPG video image data stored in each cell in the selected predetermined number of cells, and magnifying the video image data by selecting the second predetermined number of cells on the EPG, and reducing the video image data simultaneously by selecting a third predetermined number of cells on the EPG, displaying the video image data stored in the cells. Niijima discloses displaying video image data of the program selected including program information (Figure 5) and that video image data is stored (Figure 4). It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Harada by displaying video image data

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simultaneously with EPG data (Figure 5) as taught by Nijima in order to provide select programs from an EPG quickly (Column 1, lines 60-64) as disclosed by Nijima. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to modify Harada by changing the priorities list (Figure 4, 16) or details of detail degrees (Figure 5) of the EPG by including video data (as taught by Marshall) whether in magnified or reduced form (Figures 8-10) in order to provide the viewer with a EPG display with the desired level of information (Column 1, lines 37-50) as disclosed by Harada.

Regarding Claim 26, Harada and Nijima discloses all the limitations of Claim 25. Harada discloses storing broadcasting channel number and broadcasting time for each of the plurality of cells (Figure 3) and selecting the first predetermined number of cells (Figure 9), each having a similar broadcasting time and arranged in a tunable sequence of broadcasting channel numbers (Figure 9).

### ***Conclusion***

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Farzana E. Hossain whose telephone number is 571-272-5943. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Kelley can be reached on 571-272-7331. The fax phone



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